

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 21st June 2021 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, J Mason, R Rennie & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor C Gamble

2384 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Rooke who was away and Councillor Robinson who was ill.

2385 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2386 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2387 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 5, Actions from the Minutes 2281 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

2388 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th May 2021

RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes as being a true and correct record.

2389 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2174 Litton telephone kiosk

Councillor Rennie informed members that she had spoken with Link about the possibility of putting a cash machine in the telephone kiosk and they were going to visit the site and assess the feasibility.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To wait until a decision on the future use of the telephone kiosk had been made before going ahead with the installation of a light.

-2275 Extension of white lines opposite Hall Lane to enable the service bus space to turn around

Councillors Oscroft and Rooke met with Derbyshire Dales MP Sarah Dines to discuss the problem with the public service bus being unable to turn around on occasions due to parked cars. Sarah Dines MP suggested that evidence is gathered of the number of times the bus is blocked from turning around. A resident living near the site has agreed to keep a log for a few weeks.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Oscroft will contact the resident to see how the log is progressing.

-2357 Repainting of the Phone Kiosk in Litton

It was noted that an offer had been received to repaint the telephone kiosk in Litton for free. The only requirement is for the Council to supply the paint.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the generous offer.

-2379 Report on the Condition of the Benches and Flower Tubs

Councillor Oscroft reported that he had inspected the tubs and benches in the parish and identified that the benches around the tree on Litton Village Green needed replacing and numerous others were in need of repair.

It was also noted that two flower tubs also need replacing.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask at the Annual Parish Meeting whether any residents would like to sponsor a new bench.

2390 RENEWAL OF LITTON PLAYGROUND

It was noted that the Council is awaiting a final outcome on its request for funding.

2391 FENCE AT CRESSBROOK CAR PARK

The Clerk reported that she had sent a request to Derbyshire County Council to replace the fence along the road above the car park in Cressbrook.

2392 TREES

Councillor Gregory reported that there were a number of trees on Litton's village greens that were diseased and need to be removed. There are also a number of ash trees at the playground that need to be removed too.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will consult with the handyperson as to whether any of the trees are small enough for him to be able to remove.

2393 CEMETERY

Councillor Gregory reported that the path on the right-hand side of the cemetery is overgrown and requires spraying to clear it.

It was also reported that the undulation of the graves needs to be corrected.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will speak with the handyperson about both these tasks.

2394 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor Gregory asked whether the lights on Litton's village greens could this year be wrapped around the tree trunks to create a display rather than strung between the trees.

It was noted that the Christmas lights in Litton are not the responsibility of the Parish Council but that Councillors Mason and Oscroft will mention the proposal to Friends of Litton.

2395 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SLIDES

The slides for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To approve the content of the slides.

2396 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number - NP/DDD/0521/0592 - 8 Dale Terrace, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

Development Description - Listed Building consent - Proposed alterations to basement to provide shower room

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

Application Number - NP/DDD/0521/0520 - Curzon Farm, Litton

Development Description - To reinstate a chimney stack above an existing fireplace and flue using blue engineering bricks and pots to match the other chimney stack on the house

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

Application Number - NP/DDD/0521/0521 - Victorian Gardens, Cressbrook Hall, Cressbrook

Development Description - S.73 application for the removal or variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/0202/085

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

2397 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts in the sum of £1,664.04 for approval.

Income in the sum of £3,136 was also noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the schedule of accounts be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid.

It was noted that the current account balance as at 21ST June 2021 was £11,918.39 and the reserve account balance was £10,243.34

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Part 2 with supporting bank reconciliations and explanations of variances were circulated to members and the following was **RESOLVED:**

(ii) To approve the Certificate of Exemption

- (iii) That the Annual Governance Statement, Section 1 of the Return is approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- (iv) That the Accounting Statements, Section 2 of the Return are approved and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chair.
- (v) The internal auditor's report on the 2020/21 Annual Return was noted.

2398 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received by the Clerk and circulated to Councillors.

- DALC's June newsletter
- Open Space Magazine Summer 2021 issue
- 20/21 Annual Impact Report from Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts

An email from the PDNPA relating to the footbridge at Cressbrook was circulated to members. It was noted that this footbridge is in a particularly dangerous state of repair and therefore should not be used under any circumstances until repairs are carried out.

The Clerk also reported that a request to mow/trim the grass at the entrance to West View had been received and the Clerk had asked the contractor how much extra it would cost to add this area to his schedule.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

At this point the Council's legal adviser joined the meeting.

-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS

Following the discussion of a number of options **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Council still wishes to seek an amicable solution to this matter and will seek advice from Friends of the Peak District.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10pm.